Setting up of small power generating centres

2171. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHAVAKOLI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Energy of Gujarat State recently announced at Rajkot that in order to overcome the shortage of energy and power in the State, Central Government and the Government of Gujarat will extend possible assistance for setting up of small power generating Centres in private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what special assistance is proposed to be provided by the Central Government to the Government of Gujarat and to the private sector for the purpose;

(d) whether his attention has been drawn to the editorial of "Jai Hind" dated 3rd November, 1985 published from Ahmedabad (Gujarat) captioned "Vidyut Kshetra Naya Abhiyan"; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (e) The Newspaper 'Jai Hind' dated 3rd Nov., 1985 referred to the declaration by Government of Gujarat regarding establishment of small electricity Centres in the private areas to meet growing demand of electricity on account of industrial development. The newspaper also suggested that the State Government should make special offorts in establishing small electricity centres and help those who wish to do so.

According to the Government of Gujarat, Minister of State for Energy, Government of Gujarat, has during his informal meeting with the Chamber of Commerce at Rajkot on 31st October, 1985, welcomed the idea of setting up of small captive power plants of about 5 to 20 MW in the industrial estates at various places in Gujarat to supplement the efforts by private industrialists in meeting their power needs. The State Govt. do not propose to give any financial help for the purpose.

Under the Government's Policy permission to instal captive plants is given where the requirement of power is large and continuous. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to give such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW; consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is also necessary in cases where the proposed capcity is more than 25 MW. No special assistance is provided by the Central Government in such cases.

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2172. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में "उद्योग-रहित" जिलों की कुल संख्या कितनी है और उनके नाम क्या है,

(ख) क्या सरकार को ऐसे जिलों में औद्योगिक एकक स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है, और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन पर अनुमानत: कुल कितनी लागत आने की संभावना है ?

रसायन तथा पैट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश के निम्नलिखित स्थानों को "उद्योग-रहित" जिलों की श्रेणी में रखा गया है :—

1. बांदा
2. चमोली
3. फतेहपुर
4. हमीरपुर
5. जालौन
6. जौनपुर
7. पौड़ी गढ़वाल
8. सुल्तानपुर
9. टेहरी गढ़वाल
10. उत्तरकाशी
11. कानपुर देहात